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AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE A-95 REVIEW

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Type of Action: Pre-Application _____ Notification of Intent X Application _____

Notice of Federal Action _____

Receipt Date 07/10/2014 Project Number 44962 ACH Number _____

Applicant Identification, Address
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Attn: Paul Baker
1594 W. North Temple, Suite 1210
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<u>Funding:</u>		
Federal	\$	N/A
Supplemental	\$	N/A
State	\$	N/A
Local	\$	N/A
Other	\$	N/A
TOTAL	\$	N/A

Applicant's Project Title:

**BLAWN MOUNTAIN - MULTIPLE LARGE PITS & ASSOCIATED
LOW-GRADE ORE STOCKPILES & WASTE DUMPS**

Description: Ore will be mined from benched open pits in two mining areas at a reported rate of 4.7 million cubic yards annually and then crushed, milled, and roasted. Calcined and roasted ore will then be leached with hot water to produce brine from which sulfate of potash (SOP) will be produced through crystallization and de-watering processes. Sulfuric acid will also be produced for sale as a byproduct of the calcination and roasting process. Four large low grade ore piles are planned from which material is anticipated to be processed after open pit mining operations have concluded. Waste road removed during mining will be placed in a designated waste rock dump area and backfilled into open pits.

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL FOR FEDERAL AID

Staff review completed (date): **7/28/2014**

Screening Committee review completed (date): **8/13/2014**

Referred to original for additional information (date)

- ☒ Recommend Approval X Comments (see reverse side of page) X
- ☐ Conditionally approved as follows (see reverse side of page) _____
- ☐ Recommend Disapproval _____ Comments (see reverse side of page) _____
- ☒ The project described above (X) does () does not conform with the policy or planning of the multi-jurisdictional area it directly impacts. Additional information () Is (X) **Is not needed.**
- ☐ We also serve notice that all requirements of the Project Notification and Review System for this multi-jurisdictional area have been met. Therefore, attach this letter to your application and forward to the federal funding agency.
- ☐ If this project will be a renewal or continuation grant, please submit your application next year to this areawide clearinghouse for re-review 30 days prior to submission to federal funding agency.
- ☐ We would anticipate reviewing final project application 30 days prior to submission for funding.

If any Clearinghouse Comments go unresolved, Federal law requires the Applicant to attach a copy of all negative comments to the project application and forward them both to the Federal Funding Agency(ies).

Authorizing Official

August 13, 2014

Date

Copy of review sent to applicant

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AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE COMMENTS

Comments: The Utah Department of Natural Resources/Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has issued a "Notice of Tentative Approval to Commence Large Mining Operations" at the Blawn Mountain Mine. The mineral to be mined will be Alunite, which is used for the production of sulfate or potash (SOP) and sulfuric acid. Approximately 2,306 acres will be disturbed. The land currently undisturbed is being used for livestock grazing and wildlife habitat. After the mining operations are completed, the land will be rehabilitated and re-vegetated in accordance with an approved reclamation plan.

Beaver County was contacted. They indicate that the County does not have concerns with the application for the Blawn Mountain project. (Gary Zabriskie)